

# Agenda & Logistics

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Connecticut Conference  
**ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
*Many Resources, One Environment*

**March 16-17, 2015**

## Climate Change and the Forests and Habitats of Southern New England

**Thank you for your interest in this climate change workshop/training!**

**You are registered for the event**, and this packet contains information to help you prepare and get the most out of the event. Please contact Thomas Worthley ([thomas.worthley@uconn.edu](mailto:thomas.worthley@uconn.edu); 860-345-5232) or Maria Janowiak ([mjanowiak02@fs.fed.us](mailto:mjanowiak02@fs.fed.us); 906-482-6303x29) with any questions.

### Logistics

This workshop is being held in conjunction with the [2015 Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources \(CCNR\)](#) and will take place on the UConn campus in Storrs, CT ([view campus map](#)).

#### March 16: Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources

Participate in the two afternoon workshop sessions “Forest Adaptation Resources: an Introduction Southern New England’s Changing Climate” and “Climate Change Effects on Forest Ecosystems” while at the CCNR.

- **Location:** UConn Student Union. Registration will be outside the Student Union Ballroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- **Meals:** Continental breakfast, refreshments, and lunch card are included with the [CCNR registration](#).
- **Parking:** Parking is available in the [South Parking Garage](#) behind the UConn Co-Op. Please bring your parking ticket to the registration desk to be validated.

#### March 17: Adaptation Planning & Practices

This hands-on session will build on the previous day and help participants integrate climate change considerations into real-world management and conservation projects.

- **Location:** Klinck Conference Room of the WB Young building, home of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. WB Young is on the east side of Rt. 195, in the north end of campus. Maps will be available on Monday.
- **Meals:** Coffee/beverages will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch if you can, as lunch options within walking distance are limited.
- **Parking:** Parking is available behind the building and temporary parking passes will be provided.

## Outcomes

This is an active, hands-on training, to assist natural resource professionals in incorporating climate change considerations and identifying actions for adaptation into their own real-world forest management projects. Through this training, participants will be able to:

- Describe regional and local effects of climate change on forest ecosystems
- Understand adaptation concepts and principles in the context of sustainable forest management
- Use *Forest Adaptation Resources* in real-world management projects to:
  - ✧ Identify challenges and opportunities for meeting management goals
  - ✧ Develop actionable steps to adapt forests to changing conditions
  - ✧ Create their own climate-informed natural resource management or conservation project

## Pre-Work

Prior to the training, we ask participants identify a project that will be used during the training and gain familiarity with key resources prior to the training, which helps make the best use of our time together in person.

### Checklist

**We ask that people participating in the training do the following before the March 16 afternoon session:**

- Select a forest or natural resource management project to use for the training. Given the limited amount of time available, it's recommended that the project be relatively small and limited in scope. Projects that focus on developing management plans or implementing management activities (timber harvest, invasives removal, habitat improvement, etc.) on areas up to a few hundred acres in size generally work well for this type of training.
- Complete Step #1 of the Adaptation Workbook. Electronic copies are available in Microsoft [Excel](#) and [Word](#) formats.
- Assemble relevant materials and information your project (maps, management plans, etc.) for use during the training.
- Contact Maria Janowiak ([mjanowiak02@fs.fed.us](mailto:mjanowiak02@fs.fed.us); 906-482-6303x29) with any questions about the pre-work.

To the extent that your time and interest allow (i.e., this is entirely optional), you may also want to:

- Read the report [Changing climate, changing forests: The impacts of climate change on forests of the northeastern United States and eastern Canada](#).
- Begin to think about:
  - ✧ What potential climate change impacts are most likely to affect the project area?
  - ✧ What characteristics of the project area make it more or less vulnerable to climate change?
- Review the [Adaptation Strategies and Approaches](#) of [Forest Adaptation Resources](#) (Chapter 2, pgs. 15-34) and review the [one-page list](#) of the strategies and approaches.
- Download the [Forest Adaptation Resources](#). Read the **Introduction** (pgs. 1-7) and scan the **Adaptation Workbook** (Chapter 3, pgs. 35-56).
- Explore [Adaptation Demonstrations](#) that have been developed through the Climate Change Response Framework. This diverse set of demos have all used the Adaptation Workbook to integrate climate change information into management and conservation projects and provide real-world examples of forest adaptation activities.

# Preliminary Agenda

## March 16

As part of the **2015 Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources**, participants will need to participate in the two afternoon sessions related to climate change and forest adaptation.

- 1:45 **Forest Adaptation Resources: an Introduction Southern New England's Changing Climate** (Room 325)
- 2:55 Break and CCNR Poster Presentations
- 3:20 **Climate Change Effects on Forest Ecosystems** (Room 325)

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## March 17

Natural resource managers will incorporate climate change considerations and identify actions for adaptation into their own real-world conservation and management projects. Staff from the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science will facilitate the training and provide post-training follow-up and assistance.

- 8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30 **Climate Change Impacts on Forest Management Projects**  
Identify climate change impacts relevant to the project locations.  
Complete Adaptation Workbook Step #2.
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:15 **Challenges/Opportunities for Meeting Management Objectives – Presentation/Breakouts/Discussion**  
Identify challenges and opportunities relevant to the project management objectives.  
Evaluate whether it is feasible to achieve management objectives.
- 11:30 **Identifying Forest Adaptation Approaches and Tactics – Presentation/Breakouts**  
Select potential adaptation actions from the menu of Adaptation Strategies and Approaches.  
Evaluate potential adaptation tactics as part of Adaptation Workbook Step #4.
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 **Identifying Forest Adaptation Approaches and Tactics – Breakouts/Discussion**  
Select potential adaptation actions from the menu of Adaptation Strategies and Approaches.  
Evaluate potential adaptation tactics as part of Adaptation Workbook Step #4.
- 3:00 **Break**
- 3:15 **Identifying Metrics for Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness – Presentation/Breakouts/Discussion**  
Identify metrics to use to evaluate the effectiveness of adaptation actions as part of Adaptation Workbook Step #5  
Complete Adaptation Workbook Step #5
- 4:00 **Next Steps & Wrap-up**
- 4:30 **Adjourn**

*This agenda has been approved for Connecticut Forest Practices Act Continuing Education Units.*